

B.E. CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAM 2019 (Old)
HUMANITIES- A
ENGLISH

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 100

(50 marks for each part)

Use a separate answer-script for each part

PART- I
(ENGLISH)

1. Answer *any one* of the following questions:
 - a. Discuss the relevance of Watson's role in Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle'.
 - b. Who in your opinion is the better friend in O'Henry's 'After Twenty Years' – Jimmy Wells or Silky Bob?
 - c. Why is Chandu counted as one 'Among the makers of modern India' in Mulk Raj Anand's short story 'The Barbers' Trade Union'?
2. Answer *any one* of the following questions:
 - a. You have been chosen as a student representative in a student-teacher committee that is looking into allegations of ragging made by the newly admitted students against their seniors. Write a report addressed to the Principal of your college stating the committee's findings and ways to prevent such incidents in the future.
 - b. A reputed NGO requires an experienced candidate to head a social welfare project on rural children in villages adjoining Santiniketan. The candidate should be a graduate in any of the social sciences and must have worked in similar projects in the past. Those interested can mail their application letter and curriculum vitae to ruralwelfareproject@gmail.com
3. Make sentences with *any five* of the following words:
Swarm, sedentary, conjectured, grizzled, swagger, grasping, sneaking, hilariously, formalized, innate
4. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

The philosophers have often maintained that happiness, like beauty, is a by-product, a lovely but accidental acquisition. As the bloom appears on flowers or on the face youth, so does bliss slip into our lives, coming the more surely the less it is pursued. You set out to do something, you pin your mind to the purpose, you do the job and lo! Happiness descends upon you. But you must not think about the pleasure; stick to the deed, the action and there comes the joy, a secret visitation. The nature of the deed does not matter greatly, so long as your heart and brain and muscles are in the work. To hit a ball correctly or to compose a masterpiece, the process is the same. Concentrate, and the mysterious felicity will follow.

The way to ensure happiness is not to seek it. So they say, but mankind has never believed it. Mankind, in the main is more concerned with pleasure than with happiness; it believes in a 'good time' which is made good by the very reason of our simple intention to enjoy. This fervour of the holiday spirit, this instinctive passion for carnival, is perhaps inarticulate but quite an unquestionable reason to the grave philosopher, who resolves happiness into an accident of successful action. The plain man, out to enjoy himself has some reason on his side, the reason of demonstrated fact. It is easy to be cynical about the gala and the fete and to discover the gloom upon the face of youth where bloom was intended, by alleging that those who seek the fugitive felicity can never catch her up. The cynic is answered by the democratic spectacle. During Dussehra, for example, people set out to marry, and is merriment really denied to them? To be all out for fun is not nearly as foolish as the philosopher deems; holiday-makers often put up with crowding and fatigue and perhaps never get tired. But they know what they want and they achieve it. They, and not philosophers, are the best judges of their own satisfaction.

1. Which sentence in the first paragraph sums up the whole argument? (1)
 2. What is the difference between happiness and pleasure? (2)
 3. Is the author for or against holiday-making? (2)
 4. In what way are the holiday makers the best judges of their own satisfaction? (3)
 5. 'To hit a ball correctly or to compose a masterpiece, the process is the same.' Elucidate. (2)
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FULL MARKS-50

PART - II

Answer question no.1 and any two others.

1. Write short notes on any four of the followings

5X4=20

- a) Sociology
- b) Foreign Direct Investment
- c) Sociology and economics
- d) Sociology and history
- e) Organization
- f) Micro level analysis
- g) Conflict perspective
- h) Development

2. Explain with suitable example, sociology's functional and interactionist theoretical perspective. 15.
3. How is sociology related to other social sciences? 15
4. Discuss the importance of ICTs in medical facilities. 15
5. Why do organizations need managers? Discuss planning and organising as management process. 15